



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**ABBIE HOFFMAN  
(SUMMARY)**

**PART 1 OF 26**

**BUFILES:100-449923 & 176-34**

SUBJECT ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN

FILE Headquarters 100-449923

SECTION 1 OF 17

SAC, New York

6-12-68

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. [REDACTED] b7C  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Miss [REDACTED]

ABBE HOFFMAN

SM - ANA

ANITA HOFFMAN

SM - ANA

NANCY KURSHAN (New York file 100-157865;

SM - ANA Bufile 100-446949)

ED SANDERS

SM - ANA

Memop of SA [REDACTED] dated 5-17-68 at New York  
captioned "Youth International Party, IS - M."

You should complete your investigation of each of  
the captioned individuals and submit a report promptly along  
with your recommendations for their inclusion on the Security  
Index.

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NOTE:

Abbe Hoffman is Co-chairman of the YIP, commonly known as  
"Yippies;" Anita Hoffman is Secretary; Nancy Kurshan is Treasurer;  
and Ed Sanders is a Coordinator. The above referred to report state  
that all of the captioned individuals are under current investigation.

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Subject Abner Hoffman  
 Birthdate & Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Subj: Abner HoffmanSupervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Room 9101R# \_\_\_\_\_ Date 6-6 Searcher Initial 112

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/16/68

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-161445) (P)

SUBJECT: **CHANGED:**  
ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN aka  
Abbe Hoffman  
Abbie Hoffman  
Abby Hoffman  
Abner Hoffman  
SM-ANA  
(OO:NY)

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ReBulet, 6/12/68; BSlet to NY, 7/11/68.

Title of this matter is being marked "Changed" to reflect the true and full name of the subject as reflected in birth records per reBSlet, which stated birth records reflect subject's true name as ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN.

ReBSlet reflected that the subject attended Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., at some previous unknown date.

The records of the Marriage Record Bureau, NY, NY, were reviewed on 6/26/68, by IC [REDACTED] and revealed the following information under certificate # 12461:

Mr. ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, residence-30 St. Marks Place, NYC, born 11/30/36, Worcester, Mass., occupation-writer, parents-JOHN HOFFMAN, born-Russia, and FLORENCE HOFFMAN, nee SCHANBERG, born-Canton, Mass., and ANITA S. KUSHNER, residence 30 St. Marks Place, NYC, born 3/16/42, Baltimore, Md., occupation writer, parents-ELIAS A. KUSHNER, born-NY, and LEAH B. KUSHNER, nee ZANK, born-NY, were married on 7/2/67, by Rabbi NATHAN A. PERILMAN, 150 E. 69th St., NYC. Witnesses were M.L. ZANK and DAVID H. GOODWILLIE. The records revealed that this was ABBOTT HOFFMAN's second marriage and that his first marriage was to SHEILA KARKLIN which ended in divorce in May, 1967, in Mass., on the grounds of mental cruelty and that he was the defendant.

The records also revealed that this was ANITA HOFFMAN's first marriage.

- 2- Bureau (RM)
- 2- Boston (100-38603) (RM)
- 1- New York

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The Boston Office is requested to check the records at Brandeis University for pertinent background information concerning this subject.

The Boston Office is further requested to check records of Selective Service at Worcester, Mass., where the subject presumably resided 1953-1965, per records of the Mass. Commissioner of Probation, as set forth in relet, relative to subject's Selective Service status.

In addition, the Boston Office is also requested to verify subject's marriage to and divorce from SHEILA KARKLIN.

The Boston Office is also requested to review office indices for subject's parents, JOHN HOFFMAN, father; FLORENCE S. HOFFMAN, mother; and subject's former wife, SHEILA KARKLIN, and furnish pertinent information to the NYO.

The NYO is continuing its investigation regarding captioned subject, the results of which will be furnished to the Bureau together with a recommendation regarding his possible SI status.

9/10/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

To: SACs, Chicago  
Cleveland  
Newark  
New York

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From: Director, FBI (157-3539)

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In connection with material reviewed at the Bureau in captioned matter, it was noted that the following individuals, leading participants in various groups, during the period of the Convention made inflammatory speeches and otherwise assumed a dominant role in disruptive disorders:

Tom Hayden  
SM - SDS  
CGfile: 100-33300  
Bufile: 100-438331

Jerry Rubin  
SM - C  
NYfile: 100-107178  
Bufile: 100-131716

Robin Palmer  
SM - Misc.  
NYfile: 100-160649  
Bufile: 100-417909

David Dellinger  
SM - C  
NYfile: 100-41320  
Bufile: 100-121672

Sidney Peck  
SM - C  
CVfile: 100-26790  
Bufile: 100-372163

Reanne Davis  
SM - SDS  
CGfile: 100-41932  
Bufile: 100-433016

Abbie Hoffman  
SM - FNA  
NYfile: 100-161445  
Bufile: 100-449923

In view of the nature of remarks and activities by these persons, recipient offices will immediately develop all corroborative information with regard thereto from sources or other witnesses.

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1 - 100-438331  
1 - 100-105-131719  
1 - 100-417909

1 - 100-121672  
1 - 100-372163  
1 - 100-443916  
1 - 100-449923

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Airtel to SAC, Chicago et al  
RE: DEMCON  
157-8589

In connection therewith, it is necessary that Chicago expeditiously furnish information developed by that office to the appropriate office of origin for each subject which has been noted by each name. Since the nature of this information is such which should be disseminated promptly, the office of origin will incorporate the results of investigation into a report under the security character to be submitted to the Bureau within 30 days from the receipt of this communication. In order that this report will be complete, appropriate investigative leads necessary to fully develop the information desired should be set forth with instructions to other offices to promptly handle and report results to the office of origin.

It is noted that the Chicago Office has been specifically alerted to thoroughly investigate any criminal violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction which arose out of these disruptive disorders. Some of the comments and activities of the above listed persons may constitute violations of the anti-riot statutes. The instructions set forth above pertain to the investigation of the security-type matters and Chicago should report separately potential criminal violations under the appropriate caption and character.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : SAC, Boston (Your file 100-38603) DATE: SEP 17 1968FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 100-449923)Room No. 540-D☒ Post in file and  
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(For SOG use  
only)SUBJECT: Albert H. Hoffman  
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DATE 1/26/82 BY SP5 BJD/KOR☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.☐ NYC airtel by Teletype 9-13-68 results of  
investigation by Boston in reference  
to NYC letter 7-15-68☐ airtel ☒ letterhead memo ☒ submitted  
☒ 2. DATE ☐ report ☐ 90-day progress letter ☒ will be submitted 10-1-68  
9-30-68  
☐ letter

Reporting employee \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_☐ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry ☐ Investigation ☐ Prosecution  
☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo  
☐ 5. Submit ☐ report ☐ 90-day progress letter by \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ letter (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file.)

9/19/68

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan  
(Field Guidance)  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

To: SACs, New York (100-161445)  
Boston (100-38603)

From: Director, FBI (100-449923)

ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN  
SM - ANA  
(BUDED: 9/26/68)

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*per 4*  
ReCGtel to Bureau and New York dated 9/17/68  
and captioned "Abbott Hoffman, aka Abbe Hoffman. SM -  
ANA; Antiriot Laws. Crime Aboard Aircraft, Carrying  
Concealed Weapon. Switchblade Knife Act."

Bureau files in this case show that a report  
is due. Therefore, unless already done, submit a  
report to reach the Bureau on or before 9/26/68. At  
that time advise whether you believe subject warrants  
inclusion on the Security Index.

Boston is referred to New York letter in this  
case dated 7/16/68. Submit a report containing results  
of investigation in your Division by 9/26/68.

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**NOTE:** On 6/12/68 New York's attention was called to  
information regarding subject in New York report dated  
5/17/68 captioned "Youth International Party, IS-M."  
By letter dated 7/16/68, New York set out leads for  
Boston in whose territory subject previously lived  
(presumably 1953-1965). New York at that time advised  
their investigation in New York City was continuing.

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COMMUNICATION SECTION

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201PM URGENT 9-17-68 DJ5

TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

FROM CHICAGO (100-46326) (176-28) 2P

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
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Miss Gandy

ABBOTT HOFFMAN, AKA ABBE HOFFMAN. SM - ANA; ANTIRIOT LAWS.  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT, CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON. SWITCHBLADE  
KNIFE ACT.

RE CG TEL CALL TO BUREAU TODAY. DATE 1/26/82 BY SP5RGS/KZ  
CHICAGO PD ADVISED TODAY HOFFMAN ARRESTED ELEVEN TWENTY

AM TODAY O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS HE ARRIVED FROM NEW  
YORK CITY ABOARD TWA FLIGHT THREE ONE FIVE WITH ATTORNEY  
J. LEFCOURTE. HOFFMAN ARRESTED ON WARRANT ISSUED BY JUDGE  
GILIBERTO, BRANCH FORTYSEVEN, CITY COURT, CHICAGO, FOR  
FAILURE TO APPEAR THAT COURT SEPT. SIX LAST AS DIRECTED  
TO ANSWER COMPLAINT AND ARRESTS AUG. TWENTY LAST CHARGING  
HOFFMAN WITH STATE DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND RESISTING ARREST.

HOFFMAN CHARGED WITH JUMPING BOND AND UNLAWFUL USE OF  
WEAPON AS FOUR INCH SWITCHBLADE KNIFE FOUND IN HIS POSSESSION  
DURING SEARCH FOLLOWING ARREST.

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HOFFMAN BEING TAKEN TO CITY LOCKUP ELEVENTH AND STATE  
STREETS FOR ARRAIGNMENT WITH ATTORNEY AND TO APPEAR BEFORE JUDGE  
GILIBERTO TWO PM TODAY ON STATE CHARGES.

HOFFMAN COFOUNDER YOUTH INTERNATIONAL PARTY, AKA YIPPIES,  
IN NEW YORK CITY.

ABOVE FACTS PRESENTED USA THOMAS A. FORAN WHO  
AUTHORIZED PROSECUTION FOR CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT AND TAKING  
VIOLATION SWITCHBLADE KNIFE ACT UNDER ADVISEMENT.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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cc Mr. [Signature]  
Mr. [Redacted] 62



## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 9/18/68

Attached relates to Abbott Hoffman, leader of Youth International Party (YIP), who made public statement today, and among other things, indicated Yippies would depart 9/22/68, for Germany en route to Czechoslovak border where the intention is to confront the Russian pigs.

We have received and previously disseminated information concerning alleged travel of Yippie-type individuals to Czechoslovakia. Pertinent parts of attached to be furnished White House, State Department, Attorney General, and other interested levels of Government by teletype. Legat, London, and Bonn also being advised by cable.

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK PLAINTEXT

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM CHICAGO (100-46326) (176-28) 8P

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

SECURITY MATTER - ANARCHIST  
ABBOTT HOFFMAN, AKA. ABBE HOFFMAN. SM-ANA; ARL; CRIME ABOARD  
AIRCRAFT; CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON.

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REFERENCE NY TELETYPE 100-449923-4  
REMYTEL SEPT SEVENTEEN LAST RE HOFFMAN'S COMING TO CHICAGO  
AND SUBSEQUENT ARRESTS BY CHICAGO POLICE DEPT. FOR BOND JUMPING AND BY BU  
AGENTS FOR VIOLATION CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT-CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON.

HOFFMAN (LEADER YOUTH INTERNATIONAL PARTY - YIP) APPEARED TEN AM  
TODAY BEFORE USC, CG, IN ANSWER TO FEDERAL CHARGE OF CRIME ABOARD  
AIRCRAFT-CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON. HOFFMAN PLACED ON TWENTYFIVE  
HUNDRED DOLLAR BOND BY USC AND HEARING CONTINUED TO ELEVEN AM, OCT.  
FIFTEEN NEXT.

FOLLOWING APPEARANCE BEFORE USC, HOFFMAN HELD PRESS  
CONFERENCE TEN FIFTYONE TO ELEVEN FOURTEEN AM TODAY FOR CHICAGO  
NEWSPAPER AND TV MEDIA IN LOBBY, U.S. FEDERAL BUILDING, CHICAGO.

HOFFMAN ANNOUNCED HIS PLANNED DEPARTURE FROM U.S. SUNDAY, NINE  
TWENTY TWO NEXT, WITH GROUP OF H.S. KAPPIE TYPE PEOPLE, NOT  
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IDENTIFIED BECAUSE DID NOT WANT TO GET THEM DELAYED IN TRAVEL, FOR MEETING WITH FIVE THOUSAND YIPPIE TYPE PEOPLE AT ELSSEN, GERMANY. ASSEMBLY IN GERMANY TO INCLUDE MANY ROCK TYPE BANDS AND SINGERS. PURPOSE OF ASSEMBLY TO MARCH TO CZECH BORDER TO CONFRONT RUSSIAN AUTHORITY. PLAN TO MARCH TO PRAGUE, IF BORDER CROSSING PERMITTED TO HOLD MUSIC FESTIVAL TO CONFRONT RUSSIAN PIGS (POLICE AUTHORITIES). GROUP INCLUDING HOFFMAN TO DEPART U.S. ALLEGEDLY HAVE U.S. PASSPORTS BUT NO VISAS FOR ENTRY TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HOFFMAN ASSERTED HE AND YIP DO NOT APPROVE OF RUSSIAN PIG OPPRESSION IN PRAGUE ANY MORE THAN CHICAGO PIG OPPRESSION DURING DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION (DNC) DOES NOT EXPECT ANY DIFFERENT KIND OR TYPE OF PHYSICAL OPPRESSION FROM RUSSIAN PIGS THAN ENCOUNTERED BY YIP FROM CHICAGO PIGS, "PIGS ARE PIGS EVERYWHERE AND BEATING IS BEATING EVERYWHERE."

IF GROUP NOT PERMITTED TO CROSS CZECH BORDER THEY WILL ATTEMPT INFILTRATION IN SMALL UNITS FOR ULTIMATE GATHERING IN PRAGUE FOR RUSSIAN PIG CONFRONTATION MUSIC FESTIVAL.

HOFFMAN PLANS ARE NOW UNCERTAIN FOR PRAGUE TRIP BECAUSE OF FEDERAL CHARGE. WILL HAVE TO BE ADVISED OF LEGAL STATUS BY ATTORNEY.  
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IF HE GOES TO PRAGUE, WILL PROBABLY NEVER RETURN TO U.S., EVEN THOUGH A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE IN EUROPE, WOULD NOT LIKE TO GO UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, BECAUSE LOT OF WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE IN U.S.

HOFFMAN ASSERTED SERIES OF ARRESTS ARE HARASSMENT AND REVENGE BY "GOVERNMENT PIGS" TO PREVENT HIM CARRYING ON WORK. HE POINTED OUT HAS BEEN ARRESTED TWENTYTHREE TIMES, NEVER CONVICTED, AND CURRENT ARRESTS ARE CONTINUATION OF PIG DETERMINATION TO STOP HIS WORK.

HOFFMAN ADVISED HE VOLUNTARILY RETURNED TO CHICAGO TO ANSWER CITY CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST HIM WHICH GREW OUT OF ACTIVITY AT DNC. THESE CHARGES WERE ABSURD AND COULD NOT HAVE BEEN EXTRADITED ON THEM. RETURNED TO CHICAGO TO OBTAIN COURT PERMISSION TO LEAVE ON PRAGUE TRIP. HE POINTED OUT OBSCENITY CHARGE AGAINST HIM IS RIDICULOUS IN BEING ARRESTED FOR HAVING OBSCENE WORD PRINTED ON HIS FOREHEAD BECAUSE IS NOT VIOLATION OF LAW AND FURTHER NATION'S OUTSTANDING PHOTOGRAPHER IS GOING TO EXHIBIT LARGE FACE PORTRAIT OF HOFFMAN, WITH FOREHEAD PRINTING, IN PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW WHICH MAKES HOFFMAN AN ART OBJECT.

FEDERAL CHARGE REGARDING CRIME ON AIRCRAFT IS RIDICULOUS.

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HE ASSERTED DID NOT COMMIT CRIMINAL ACT ON AIRCRAFT. KNIFE IN HIS POSSESSION WAS THREE DOLLAR PENKNIFE PURCHASED IN NEW YORK CITY WHICH HE VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED TO CHICAGO POLICE PIGS.

KNIFE WAS NOT SWITCHBLADE AND WAS NOT DANGEROUS WEAPON. "I'M LIVING IN A POLICE STATE, BUT THAT'S THE WAY IT GOES IN THIS COUNTRY FROM THE PIGS."

HOFFMAN CONFIRMED HE IS UNDER CONTRACT TO DELL PUBLISHING CO. OF NEW YORK TO WRITE BOOK DUE FOR RELEASE SOMETIME OCT., NEXT ENTITLED "REVOLUTION FOR THE HELL OF IT." HE STATED MAY MAKE MILLION DOLLARS FROM IT. IF HE MAKES MONEY WILL OFFER TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO EACH CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER WHO JOINS WITH YIP OR WILL BURN THE MONEY. DOES NOT NEED MONEY, DOES NOT WORK, DOES NOT EVER PLAN TO WORK BECAUSE HE IS A PASSIVE REVOLUTIONARY. EVERYTHING IS FREE, HE IS IN PROCESS OF COMPLETELY REDEVELOPING NEW YORK CITY AND HAS THINGS THERE WELL UNDERWAY. FROM FOURTEENTH AVE., ON, THINGS ARE WELL ORGANIZED, FREE SEX, FREE NARCOTICS, THE WORLD IS A BALL. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN ACTIVITY THERE. HOFFMAN OBSERVED HE HAS DONE SUCH GOOD JOB NEW YORK CITY, HE DOES NOT KNOW WHY HE WANTS TO LEAVE IT AND ASKED "WHY I'M THINKING OF GOING TO PRAGUE, I DON'T KNOW."

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HOFFMAN CONFIRMED HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY UNIDENTIFIED MOTION PICTURE CONCERN FOR MAKING MOVIES OF LIFE STORY. STATED WOULD NOT PLAY STARRING ROLE BECAUSE HE WAS NOT MOVIE STAR, ASSERTED IF JAMES DEAN WERE STILL ALIVE HE WOULD CHOOSE HIM FOR ROLE.

HOFFMAN STATED "HE LOVED" CHICAGO MAYOR RICHARD DALEY'S FILM RE DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITY CHICAGO AT DNC ENTITLED "WHAT TREES HAVE THEY PLANTED?". IT WAS MAGNIFICENT, EXCELLENT AND "GROOVY." EXACTLY WHAT UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT WANTS EXHIBITED. REQUEST MADE BY HOFFMAN OF NBC AND CBS, WITHOUT REQUEST FOR EQUAL TIME, TO AIR PROGRAM NATIONALLY WITHOUT EDIT OR FURTHER COMMENT. ONLY TWO CRITICAL COMMENTS, FIRST, CHICAGO PROFESSOR WHO NARRATED FILM WAS BORING AND SECOND, FILM REPORTED NO ONE SERIOUSLY HURT DURING ACTIVITY. HOFFMAN SAID STATEMENT WAS NOT EXACTLY CORRECT BECAUSE SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD BOY FROM SIOUX CITY, IOWA, DEAN JOHNSON, WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY CHICAGO COP DURING DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITY.

HOFFMAN STATED HE HAS HEARD FROM RADIO AND TV STATIONS ACROSS NATION HIS LIFE HAS BEEN THREATENED ON AT LEAST TWENTYFIVE SEPARATE OCCASIONS SINCE CHICAGO ACTIVITY. HE STATED DURING TIME HE WAS IN CUSTODY CHICAGO PD, FOR ARREST DURING CONVENTION ACTIVITY,  
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CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER BY NAME OF HENDLEY (PH) SHOWED HOFFMAN BRASS BULLET AND TOLD HIM "THIS BULLET HAS GOT YOUR NAME ON IT."

SAID "ARE YOU KIDDING?" WHEN ASKED IF HE WAS GOING TO MAKE COMPLAINT TO EITHER LOCAL OR FEDERAL OFFICIALS RE THREATS TO HIS LIFE.

STATED FBI AGENTS VISIT HIM EVERY THIRD DAY IN NEW YORK CITY TO OBTAIN BACKGROUND INFO ON PEOPLE AND WANT TO KNOW WHERE FINANCES COME FROM FOR YIP ACTIVITY AND INFO RE HIS OWN ACTIVITY. STATED HE HAS ASKED FBI AGENTS WHY THEY DO NOT INVESTIGATE POLICE BRUTALITY IN CHICAGO AND IN ALL CITIES ACROSS NATION. ALL FBI AGENTS DO IS LAUGH AT THESE SUGGESTIONS. HOFFMAN REPORTED HE WAS SHOT BY KU KLUX KLAN WHEN HE WAS WORKING IN MISSISSIPPI AND FURNISHED FBI AGENTS COMPLETE INFO RE MATTER. HOFFMAN SAID ALL FBI DID WAS TO "JUST TAKE NOTES AND NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE ABOUT IT TO THIS DAY." HOFFMAN PREDICTED YIP WOULD CONTINUE WITH ACTIVITY IN U.S. AND WOULD APPEAR AT POLLS ON ELECTION DAY AND VOTE FOR THEIR CANDIDATE, THE "PIG". HE STATED "THEATRICAL EVENTS" RE DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITY BY YIP IN FUTURE WOULD OCCUR IN OPPOSITION TO EVERY CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL OFFICE.

HOFFMAN STATED AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) IS "HOKEY, PHONY, PUBLICITY GRABBING OUTFIT THAT LET MOVEMENT DOWN IN CHICAGO." PLANS HAD BEEN MADE PRIOR TO CHICAGO DEMONSTRATION

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ACTIVITY FOR ACLU TO SET UP PROCEDURE TO HANDLE ARRESTS, BAIL AND PROSECUTION ACTIVITY OF DEMONSTRATORS. ACLU PEOPLE DID NOTHING BUT SIT IN FANCY OFFICES WHILE PEOPLE IN STREETS WERE BEING BEATEN TO DEATH. ACLU DID NOT HAVE ANYONE AT DEMONSTRATION SCENES AND DID NOT HAVE ANY ORGANIZATION SET UP TO HANDLE ARREST PROBLEMS OF DEMONSTRATORS.

HOFFMAN REPORTED CHICAGO LEGAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE (CLDC) OF ONE TWO SEVEN N. DEARBORN, CHICAGO, IS HANDLING YIP AND MOVEMENT LEGAL PROBLEM THAT DEVELOPED DURING CONVENTION ACTIVITY AND THAT WILL BE PURSUED. ACLU IS THROUGH WITH MOVEMENT.

MAN WITH HOFFMAN IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS TED STEIN, CO CHAIRMAN OF CLDC, WHO REPRESENTED HOFFMAN AT USC HEARING. STEIN SAID HE IS FROM NEW YORK CITY, LAWYER OF THAT STATE, CAME TO CHICAGO PRIOR TO DNC TO SET UP CLDC FOR ASSISTANCE OF DEMONSTRATORS ARRESTED. STEIN ADVISED HE IS NOT LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN ILL. BUT CAN PRACTICE IN U.S. COURTS IN ILL. STEIN STATED CLDC IS IN PROCESS OF SECURING AFFIDAVITS AND STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES FOR PREPARING OVER ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS WORTH CIVIL LAW SUITS AGAINST CITY OF CHICAGO AND MAYOR RICHARD DALEY GROWING OUT OF DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITY AT DNC.

END PAGE SEVEN



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FOR INFO OF BUREAU, CHICAGO PD ADVISED TODAY DEAN JOHNSON, ALLEGEDLY SHOT DURING DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITY, WAS INDIAN YOUTH STOPPED BY CHICAGO POLICE IN TRAFFIC MATTER WHO FIRED TWO SHOTS AT OFFICERS, WHO RETURNED FIRE KILLING JOHNSON. INCIDENT HAD NO RELATIONSHIP TO DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITY.

NEW YORK FOLLOW TRAVEL PLANS OF HOFFMAN AND GROUP AND HANDLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

CHICAGO FOLLOWING. <sup>11:40 PM</sup> LHM FOLLOWS.

END

LRC R RELAY

FBI WASH DC

2:11 PM

*U. Mr. Rosen*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-449923)

DATE: 9/25/68

FROM : NEW YORK (100-161445) (P)

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10/10/68

SEE REVERSE  
SIDE FOR  
CLASSIFICATION  
ACTIONSUBJECT: ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN aka  
SM-ANA

Re: Summary report of SA [redacted] dated 9/25/68, at NY

☒ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.☐ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

Name <b>ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN</b>		Classified by <i>SP-10/10/68</i> Declassify on: OADR	
Aliases <b>ABBY DIGGER, ABBE HOFFMAN, ABBEY HOFFMAN, ABBIE HOFFMAN, ABBOTT HOFFMAN, ABBY HOFFMAN, ABNER HOFFMAN</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native Born <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized <input type="checkbox"/> Alien	
DECLASSIFIED BY <i>3042 PWT/BS</i> ON <i>5/15/85</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Tab Detcom <input type="checkbox"/> Delete Detcom Priority 2	
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Date of Birth <b>11/30/36</b>	Place of Birth <b>Worcester, Massachusetts</b>	Race <b>White</b>	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any. <b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE</b> <b>Unemployed</b>		Residence Address <i>Apartment BW</i> <b>80 St. Marks Place</b> <b>ST-113</b> <b>new york, new york</b>	
Key Facility Data		CLASS. & EXT. BY <i>SP5 EGM/KR</i> REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 DATE OF REVIEW <i>9/25/88</i>	
Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility	

REGISTERED MAIL

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1- New York

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 APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
 AND FIELD OFFICES  
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 SLIP(S) OF  
 DATE *11/27/82*
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BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

On 11/15/67, BSS, NYCPD, advised subject arrested 11/14/67, in NYE during demonstration held NY Hilton Hotel, where speech was given by Secretary of State DEAN RUSK and charged with wreckless endangerment.

On 5/21/68, BSS, NYCPD, advised subject arrested by NYCPD 4/30/68, at Columbia University, NYC, and charged with criminal trespassing and resisting arrest.

In August, 1968, Chicago Police Dept. advised subject arrested 8/28/68, for having obscene letters on his forehead and charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

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[REDACTED] (S) u  
[REDACTED] made available information that subject is one of the coordinators of YIP.

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[REDACTED] made available information which reflects subject is Vice-Chairman of "YIP".

Articles written by subject have indicated a disruptive attitude against the establishment and property.

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[REDACTED] (S) u  
Subject appeared at CBS TV, Channel 2, "At Random" television program, Chicago, Ill., which was aired 5/11 and 12/68, at which time he stated he was in favor of the overthrow of the US Government by any means possible.

Subject was interviewed by SAS of the FBI on 9/6/68 at which time he stated he felt that he was on the opposite side of "things" to the FBI.

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FBI

Date: 9/19/68

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-46326)

SUBJECT: ABBOTT HOFFMAN, aka  
 Abbie Hoffman  
 SM - ANA; ARL;  
 CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT -  
 CARRYING CONCEALED  
 WEAPON

Re Chicago teletypes to Bureau dated 9/17 - 18/68 regarding HOFFMAN's arrival in Chicago and subsequent arrests by Chicago Police Department for bond jumping and by Bureau Agents for violation of Crime Aboard Aircraft - Carrying Concealed Weapon Statute.

Enclosed for the Bureau are twelve (12) copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Five (5) copies of the LHM are enclosed for New York, which is office of origin concerning investigation of HOFFMAN's activities.

## ENCLOSURE

- 5 - Bureau (Enc. 12) (RM) *Detached 2704*
- 1 - 164 - (ABBIE HOFFMAN)
  - 1 - 176 - (ABBIE HOFFMAN)
- 5 - New York (Enc. 5) (RM) *REC-1 EX 106*
- 1 - 100 - (EDWARD TED STEIN)
  - 1 - 100 - (GERALD LEFCOURTE)
- 5 - Chicago *100-447723*
- 1 - 100-176-28 (ABBIE HOFFMAN) *25 SEP 30 1968*
  - 1 - 100-44963 (DEMCON)
  - 1 - 164-67 (ABBIE HOFFMAN)
  - 1 - 100- (EDWARD TED STEIN)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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The Special Agent of the FBI who presented facts to USA, Chicago, on 9/17/68, regarding HOFFMAN's alleged violation of the Federal Crime Aboard Aircraft - Carrying Concealed Weapon Statute was ASAC KYLE G. CLARK.

The Special Agent who filed the complaint on this Federal charge with the U.S.C. at Chicago, and obtained Federal warrant of arrest for HOFFMAN on 9/17/68 was SA [REDACTED]

The Special Agents of the FBI who arrested HOFFMAN on the Federal Crime Aboard Aircraft charge on 9/17/68 at Chicago were SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7c

The SA of the FBI who observed HOFFMAN during his press conference of 9/18/68 in the lobby of the Federal Building in Chicago was SA [REDACTED] 1

New York will follow travel plans of HOFFMAN and group reported to be going to Prague, Czechoslovakia, and handle in accordance with current Bureau instructions.

New York will attempt to identify EDWARD TED STEIN, a New York City attorney and furnish Chicago identification and activity information concerning him.

Chicago will continue to follow activity of HOFFMAN in Chicago and obtain disposition of both the local and Federal criminal charges outstanding against him in the Chicago Division.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

September 19, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-46326

ABBOTT HOFFMAN, ALSO KNOWN AS  
ABBIE HOFFMAN

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On September 17, 1968, [REDACTED] 16th District, Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, advised that Abbott Hoffman, also known as Abbie Hoffman, a self-proclaimed leader of the Youth International Party (YIP), also known as "Yippies," was arrested at 11:20 AM on September 17, 1968, at O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois on arriving from New York City Aboard Flight 315 of Trans World Airlines. Hoffman was accompanied on the flight by a New York City attorney, Gerald Lefcourte, who was to represent Hoffman in City Criminal proceedings pending in Chicago, Illinois.

Hoffman was arrested on this occasion on the basis of a warrant issued by Judge Louis J. Giliberto, Branch 47, City Court, Chicago, Illinois, for failure to appear before that court on September 6, 1968, as directed, on being released on bond, to answer complaints concerning Hoffman's arrests by the Chicago Police Department on August 28, 1968, charging him with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, which occurred during disturbance activity while the Democratic National Convention (DNC) was in progress. As a result of the arrest on September 17, 1968, Hoffman was charged with jumping bond, failing to appear before the court on September 6, 1968, as directed, and for unlawful possession of a weapon. The weapon was described as a knife with a four inch blade which was found on Hoffman's person during a search following his September 17, 1968, arrest by the Chicago Police Department.

On September 17, 1968, facts regarding Hoffman's carrying a knife on his person aboard an interstate airline carrier from New York City to Chicago, Illinois, in violation of the crime aboard aircraft Federal statute, were presented by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to United States Attorney Thomas A. Foran at Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Foran authorized prosecution of Hoffman for violation of the crime aboard aircraft Federal statute.

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AS, ABBIE HOFFMAN

On September 17, 1968, an SA of the FBI, filed a complaint charging Hoffman with violation of the Crime Aboard Aircraft Statute with United States Commissioner (USC) James T. Balog, at Chicago, Illinois, and obtained a Federal warrant for Hoffman's arrest on the Federal charge.

b7c [REDACTED] of the Chicago Police Department, further advised that Hoffman appeared at 2:00 PM on September 17, 1968, before Judge Louis J. Giliberto, Branch 47, City Court, Chicago, Illinois, on Hoffman's bond forfeiture charge, criminal disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest charges, which were pending in the Chicago City Court. Judge Giliberto vacated the bond forfeiture charge against Hoffman and on motion of Hoffman's attorney, Gerald Lefcorte, continued hearing on the disorderly conduct and resisting arrest charges until October 17, 1968 in Chicago. Hoffman's bond in the amount of \$1,000, originally posted in his behalf on the disorderly conduct and resisting arrest charges was also continued by the court.

On completion of the City Court hearing Judge Giliberto remanded Hoffman to the custody of the Chicago Police Department so that processing could be completed by the police department concerning the arrest of Hoffman on September 17, 1968, on the additional City of Chicago charge against Hoffman for carrying a concealed weapon. The arrest process of Hoffman was completed by the Chicago Police Department and Hoffman was released on a \$25.00 bond at 4:45 PM on September 17, 1968, from the custody of the Chicago Police Department.

At 4:45 PM on September 17, 1968, Hoffman was arrested by SAs of the FBI in Chicago, Illinois, on his being released from custody of the Chicago Police Department. Hoffman was arrested on this occasion on the basis of the Federal warrant issued as the result of the complaint filed charging Hoffman with violation of the Crime Aboard Aircraft - Carrying a Concealed Weapon Statute.

On September 18, 1968, Mr. Nicholas Karzan, Assistant United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, advised that Hoffman, with an attorney, Edward Ted Stein, appeared at 10:00 AM on September 18, 1968, before USC James T. Balog, Chicago, Illinois, for a hearing concerning the Crime Aboard Aircraft Federal charge filed against him. At the request of Hoffman's



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attorney, the hearing was continued until 11:30 AM, October 15, 1968, in Chicago. Hoffman was released from Federal custody on \$2,500 bond. USC Balog restricted Hoffman's travel to his New York State residence when Hoffman requested permission for travel to Prague, Czechoslovakia.

On September 18, 1968, from 10:51 AM to 11:14 AM and SA of the FBI observed Hoffman conduct a press conference with Chicago newspaper and television news media representatives in the lobby of the United States Federal Building, Chicago, Illinois. During this press conference, Hoffman announced he planned to depart the United States on Sunday, September 22, 1968, with a group of United States Yippie Type people. He refused to identify members of the group because he did not want to have them delayed in their planned travel, for a meeting with 5,000 Yippie type people in Elsen, Germany. The assembly in Germany is to include many "rock type bands and singers."

The purpose of the assembly is to march to the Czech border to confront Russian authority. The group plans to march to Prague, if they are permitted to cross the Czech border. They will hold a music festival in Prague for the expressed purpose of confronting the Russian "Pigs." Hoffman explained that the Russian "Pigs" are regarded as Russian Government and police authority. The group, including Hoffman, that is to depart the United States allegedly have United States passports, but do not have visas for entry to Czechoslovakia.

He asserted he and YIP do not approve of Russian "Pig" oppression in Prague any more than Chicago "Pig" oppression which occurred during the DNC. The group does not expect any different kind or type of physical oppression from the Russian "Pigs", than that encountered by YIP from Chicago "Pigs." He observed "Pigs are pigs everywhere and beating is beating everywhere." If the group is not permitted to cross the Czech border, members will attempt infiltration of the border in small units for an ultimate gathering in Prague for the Russian "Pig" confrontation music festival.

Hoffman stated his plans are now uncertain for the Prague trip because of the pending Federal charge against him. He will determine his legal status from his attorney. If he decides to proceed to Prague he will probably never return to the United States.



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He noted even though a lot of work needs to be done in Europe, he did not like to go to Europe under circumstances which would prevent his return to the United States. He stated he wants to be permitted to return to the United States because a lot of work remains to be finished in this country. He asserted his series of recent arrests in Chicago are harassment and revenge tactics by "Government Pigs" to prevent him from carrying on with his work. He pointed out he has been arrested 23 times and never convicted, and the current arrests are a continuation of "Pig determination" to stop his work.

He advised he voluntarily returned to Chicago to answer city criminal charges against him, which grew out of activity at the DNC. He observed the charges against him are absurd and he could not have been extradited for return to Illinois to be tried for his alleged offenses. He reported he voluntarily returned to Chicago to obtain court permission to leave the United States for his planned trip to Prague. He pointed out that the City of Chicago obscenity charge against him is ridiculous in its being based on his arrest for having an obscene word printed on his forehead. He observed such action by him is not a violation of law. Hoffman reported that the nation's outstanding freelance photographer is going to exhibit a large, face portrait of Hoffman with the obscene word printed on his forehead, which was taken during the demonstration activity at the DNC, in a photography show. Hoffman surmised he will be considered, at the very least, an art object.

He commented that the Federal charge regarding a crime on an aircraft is ridiculous. He asserted he did not commit a criminal act on the aircraft. The knife in his possession when arrested was a \$3 pen knife purchased in New York City, which he voluntarily surrendered to Chicago police "Pigs." The knife was not a switchblade and was not a dangerous weapon. He asserted, "I'm living in a police state, but that's the way it goes in this country from the pigs." Hoffman confirmed he is under contract with Dell Publication Company of New York to write a book due for release sometime in October, 1968, entitled "Revolution for the Hell Of It." He stated he may make a million dollars from publication of this book and from publication of a children's book he is in the process of writing.

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If he makes money from the book to be published in October, he will offer \$10,000 to each Chicago police officer who joins with YIP or possibly he will just burn the money.

He stated he does not need money, does not work, and does not ever plan to work because he is a passive revolutionary artist. He observed everything is free, "who needs money?" He reported he is in the process of completely redeveloping New York City and has things there well underway. From 14th Avenue on, things are well organized, "free sex, free narcotics, the world is a ball." He invited everyone to join the free activity in his section of New York City. Hoffman observed he has done such a good job in New York City he does not know why he wants to leave it. He asked, "Why I'm thinking of going to Prague I don't know."

Hoffman also confirmed he has been approached by unidentified motion picture concerns with propositions for making movies of his life story. He stated he does not plan to play the starring role in the movie because he is not a movie star. He asserted, if James Dean were still alive he would choose him for the role.

Hoffman stated that "he loved" Chicago Mayor Richard Daley's film concerning demonstration activity in Chicago that occurred during the DNC which was entitled "What Trees Have They Planted?" "It was magnificent, excellent and groovy." Hoffman observed the film is exactly what the underground movement wants exhibited. He revealed that he made a request of NBC and CBS, without a request for equal time, for the TV networks to air the program nationally without edit or further comment. Hoffman observed that there were only two critical comments he would make concerning the film. The first was that the Chicago professor who narrated the film was boring. The second criticism was that the film reported that no one was seriously hurt during the demonstration activity. Hoffman said the statement concerning serious injury was not exactly correct because a 17 year old boy from Sioux City, Iowa, Dean Johnson, was shot and killed by a Chicago "cop" during the demonstration activity. Hoffman stated he has heard from radio and television stations across the nation that his life has been threatened on at least 25 separate occasions since the Chicago DNC demonstration activity. He stated during the time he was in the custody of the Chicago Police Department after being arrested during DNC demonstration activity a Chicago police officer by the name of Hendley (phonetic spelling) showed Hoffman a

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brass bullet and told him "this bullet has got your name on it." Hoffman said "are you kidding?", when asked by reporters at the press conference if he was going to make a complaint to either local or Federal officials concerning the alleged threats on his life. Hoffman stated FBI agents visited him every third day in New York City to obtain background information concerning people and asked where finances come from for YIP activity and also ask for information concerning his own activity. Hoffman stated he has asked FBI Agents why they do not investigate police brutality in Chicago, and in all cities across the nation. He asserted all the FBI agents do is laugh at these suggestions.

Hoffman reported he was shot by the Ku Klux Klan, when he was working in the civil rights movement in Mississippi. He reported on that occasion he furnished FBI agents complete information concerning the shooting. Hoffman said all the FBI did on that occasion was to "just take notes and nothing has been done about it to this day "

Hoffman predicted YIP would continue with "theatre activity" in the United States and would appear at polls on election day and vote for their selected candidate, the "pig." He stated "theatrical events" would replace demonstration activity as such by YIP in the future and would occur in opposition to every candidate for national office.

Hoffman stated the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is "hokey, a phony, publicity grabbing outfit that let the movement down during the Chicago activity." He noted that plans had been made prior to the Chicago demonstration activity for the ACLU to set up a procedure to handle arrests, bail, and prosecution activity concerning demonstrators who were arrested. The ACLU people did nothing, but sit in their fancy offices in Chicago during Demonstration activity, while the people in the streets were being beaten to death. ACLU did not have anyone at the demonstration scenes and did not have any organization set up to handle the arrest problems of the demonstrators.

Hoffmann reported the Chicago Legal Defense Committee (CLDC), 127 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, is

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handling YIP and opposition movement legal problems that developed during DNC demonstration activity and these matters will be pursued. Hoffman stated ACLU is through as legal representative of the movement.

A man with Hoffman identified himself as Edward Ted Stein, co-chairman of CLDC, and advised he had represented Hoffman at the United States Commissioner's hearing in Chicago. Stein said he is from New York City, a licensed attorney of New York State and that he moved to Chicago prior to the DNC to set up CLDC for the assistance of arrested demonstrators. Stein advised he is not licensed to practice law in Illinois, but can practice law in United States courts sitting in Illinois. Stein stated CLDC is in the process of securing affidavits and statements from witnesses for the purpose of preparing over \$100,000,000 worth of civil law suits against the City of Chicago and Mayor Richard Daley for injury and damage resulting from activity that occurred during the DNC.

On September 18, 1968, [REDACTED] b7c Chicago Police Department, advised that the Dean Johnson, allegedly shot during the demonstration activity that occurred while the DNC was in progress, referred to by Hoffman, was an Indian youth, who was stopped by Chicago Police Officers regarding a traffic violation matter. When the young man was stopped by the officers he fired two shots at them. The police officers returned gunfire and the youngman was killed. [REDACTED] reported the death of this young man had no relationship to demonstration activity that occurred during the DNC.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: September 25, 1968

Civil Rights Division

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ABBOTT HOFFMAN, AKA  
ABBIE HOFFMAN

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DATE 1/26/82 BY SP5 RYM/KCO

FILE COPY

Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy ~~of the following~~ a memorandum dated 9/19/68  
at Chicago.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☒ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.  
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*[Handwritten signature]*  
SA [initials]  
[Stamp: RECEIVED SEP 27 1968]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>BOSTON</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>9/25/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>9/12/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>CHANGED</b> <b>ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, aka</b> <b>Abbott Howard Hoffman</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>svh</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>b7c</b>  <b>SM - ANARCHIST</b>	

The title is marked Changed to reflect subject's full name.

REFERENCES: Bureau airtel, 9/19/68. *Per 3*  
New York letter, 7/16/68. *Per 2*

## ADMINISTRATIVE

**[REDACTED]** LB 167, 340 Main Street, Worcester, Mass. advised on 7/26/68 that ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN, born 11/30/36, Worcester, registered for the draft 12/7/64 from 12 Ruth Street, Worcester. His SSN was 19 67 36 168. His parents were listed as JOHN and FRANCES HOFFMAN. He graduated from Worcester Academy in 1955 and attended Brandeis University, College of Arts and Sciences from 10/55 to 6/59.

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CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 1/20/82 BY <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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- 2 - New York (100-161445) (RM)
- 2 - Boston (100-38603)

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By	<i>[Signature]</i>

Notations

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ADMINISTRATIVE (Cont'd)

As a result of a physical examination, subject was found not acceptable for military service due to bronchial asthma and defective vision.

Indices of the Boston Office were checked with negative results concerning the following names:

JOHN HOFFMAN  
FLORENCE S. HOFFMAN  
SHEILA KARKLIN

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

9/25/68

Office: Boston, Massachusetts

Field Office File #:

100-38603

Bureau File #: 100-449923

Title:

ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - ANARCHIST

Synopsis:

Subject attended Brandeis University from 9/19/55 to 6/19/59 when he received his AB degree. Subject divorced from SHEILA HOFFMAN 11/4/66 on grounds of cruel and abusive treatment.

- RUC -

Details:

[REDACTED] Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts advised on September 12, 1968 that subject attended Brandeis from September, 1955 to June, 1959 when he received his AB degree.

He was admitted to Brandeis from Worcester Academy, Worcester, Massachusetts and his home address was listed at 6 Ruth Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

[REDACTED] Probate Court, Worcester County Courthouse, 2 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts advised on September 12, 1968 that court docket number 34226 reflects that SHEILA HOFFMAN was granted a divorce decree NISI on November 4, 1966 on grounds of cruel and abusive treatment. Mrs. HOFFMAN's divorce suit was not contested and it was agreed by both parties that \$72.00 would be paid per month by subject for support of herself and two children, ANDREW, born December 31, 1960 and ILIA, born November 19, 1962, of which \$22.50 will be paid to the children. According to the decree, subject has visitation rights.



BS 100-38603

The above decree reflects that the HOFFMAN's were married on July 10, 1960 in Providence, Rhode Island.

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FBI

Date: 9/25/68

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DATE OF REVIEW 9/25/88

Via

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-448910)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-162260) (P)

SUBJECT: YOUTH INTERNATIONAL PARTY, aka  
Yippies  
IS - MISC.  
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ReNYat to Bureau, 9/17/68, in captioned matter, setting forth information that ABBIE HOFFMAN, PAUL KRASSNER and ED SANDERS hoped to leave for Prague, Czechoslovakia, on 9/18/68.

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Enclosed herewith are eleven copies of an LHM regarding travel plans of individuals affiliated with Yippies.

- 6 - Bureau (Encl. 14) (RM)
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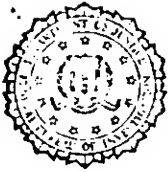
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Reference New York memorandum dated September  
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A characterization of the ECLC is attached under the heading National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

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APPENDIX

1.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES  
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(1- 100-439048) (SDS)  
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(1- 100-40903) (SDS)

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(1- 100-44140) (SDS)  
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ReNYtel, 9/25/68, in captioned matter reporting that the press conference took place at the WFO on 9/25/68. ReWFOtel, 9/24/68, captioned "YOUTH INTERNATIONAL PARTY" advising that an affair would possibly be held in WDC on 9/29/68, with JERRY RUBIN of YIP as major attraction.

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New York, New York

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City Police Department (NYCPD), advised on September 24, 1968, that  
he had received a telephone call from Henry Di Suvero, Director  
of the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (NECLC)  
advising him that the NECLC would have up to 100 people at  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Office, 201 East  
69th Street, New York, New York, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.,  
on September 25, 1968, to hold a press conference and demonstrate  
to protest subpoenas issued by the HUAC to individuals who  
participated in the Chicago demonstrations during the National  
Democratic Convention in August, 1968.

A characterization of the NECLC formerly  
known as the Emergency Civil Liberties  
Committee (ECLC) is attached hereto.

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(BSS), NYCPD, advised on September 24, 1968, that he had learned  
from Henry Di Suvero on that date that he and Ramona Ripston, the  
Co-Director of the NECLC, would lead the press conference at the  
FBI office in New York City (NYC), on September 25, 1968, and  
that Abbie Hoffman, a Youth International Party (YIP) leader  
and David Dellinger, National Chairman of the National Mobilization  
Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC), would participate in the  
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a copy of a press release issued by the NECLC which states as  
follows:

"The National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee announced today that two of the four persons who have been subpoenaed before the House Un-American Activities Committee will hold a press conference tomorrow Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 2 P.M. in front of the office of the FBI at 201 East 69th Street, New York City.

"Abbie Hoffman, Leader of the Yippies, and David Dellinger of the National Mobilization Committee, who have been subpoenaed together with Rennie Davis, another leader of the Chicago protest will be at the conference.

"Plans for a broad scale demonstration against the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington, D.C., next week by Columbia Strike Committee, Students For a Democratic Society, Women Strike for Peace, National Mobilization Committee, Youth International Party, Resistance, Vietnam Veterans, Veterans and Reservists, American Servicemen's Union, Committee to Abolish HUAC, W.E.B. DuBois Clubs, Summer of Support and High School Union will be announced.

"The speakers at the press conference will expose the extensive nationwide harassment of Chicago protestors. Legal defense for the Subpoenaed persons will be provided

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"by the National Lawyers Guild, Law Center for Constitutional Rights  
and National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

"The House UnAmerican Activities Committee will open  
hearings on Oct. 1. Witnesses friendly to the Committee will  
appear Oct. 1 and 2. Abbie Hoffman, David Dellinger, Tom Hayden,  
and Jerry Rubin will be called starting Oct. \_\_.

"Contact Ramona Ripston of Emergency Civil Liberties  
Committee in NYC at 212-603-8120."

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Characterizations of the SDS, National Committee  
to Abolish the House Un-American Activities  
Committee, W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America and  
National Lawyers Guild are attached hereto.

The "New York Daily News" a New York City  
(NYC) daily newspaper, January 10, 1966, issue,  
contained an article entitled "Word from the  
Left". The article identified Thomas Hayden,  
23, a founder of the Leftist SDS, as one of  
three Americans who defied a State Department  
travel ban to spend ten days in North Vietnam,  
and who arrived at Kennedy Airport on the  
previous night.

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SAS, FBI) at 2:00 p.m., on September 25, 1968, observed a group of 15 hippie-type individuals hold a disorganized press conference in front of the FBI building located at 201 East 69th Street, NYC.

Abbie Hoffman, the spokesman for the group, stated that they were present to protest the FBI sending agents to their homes everyday for the past two weeks and harassing them. He stated that he has been subpoenaed along with Jerry Rubin, David Dellinger, Rennie Davis and Edward G. Saxon by the HUAC. He stated that they also came to put "something" on the FBI door. He stated that "his agent, Mr. Scholl", asked him to come up to the FBI office to see him. He also stated that Tokyo Rose would put a leaflet on the FBI door.

Anita Hoffman, who identified herself as Tokyo Rose, was then observed attempting to post a leaflet on the FBI door which read as follows:

"We demand an end to the current wave of FBI harassment. If this does not cease Tokyo Rose will stage weekly Love-Ins in this building.

"The Yippies

"P.S. 1/10 of a gram of LSD + 58 water-coolers = 421 FBI Drop-Outs".

A NYC policeman prevented Anita Hoffman from posting the leaflet on the FBI door and made the leaflet available to the FBI.

Ramona Ripston then appeared at the press conference and she described herself as a co-director of the NECLC. She stated the NECLC and the National Lawyers Guild will provide legal defense for those individuals subpoenaed by the HUAC, and will appear in Washington, D.C. to represent them. She also announced that Bernie Davis and David Dellinger will hold a press conference on Friday, September 27, 1968, at noon, location of which had not been set to date.

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J. Lefcourt, Abbie Hoffman's attorney, stated at the press conference that they would allow the HUAC to expose itself as a witch hunter.

Abbie Hoffman also announced that while he and the others appear before the HUAC hearings, in Washington, D.C. beginning October 1, 1968, thirty groups, including the SDS, will demonstrate in Washington, D.C. He also announced there would be a rally, Sunday, September 29, 1968, in Washington, D.C. and that another rally would be held on Tuesday night, October 1, 1968 at Georgetown University.

The press conference ended at 2:15 p.m.; however, various individuals continued interviews at the insistence of the press. During one of these interviews, Abbie Hoffman made disparaging remarks concerning the Director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover.

By 2:40 p.m., all of the individuals attending the press conference had dispersed.

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[REDACTED] that at that time Anita Hoffman was among those individuals comprising the YIP staff.

By means of a suitable pretext conducted by an SA of the FBI, with an unidentified individual at the office of the NECLC, in NYC, on September 26, 1968, it was determined that Fennie Davis and David Dellinger will hold their press conference at the Hotel Commodore, NYC, at 12 noon, on September 27, 1968.

During the course of this pretext, it was also determined that the SDS was organizing the week of protest activities scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C., during the week beginning September 29, 1968.



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It was also ascertained that the organizations mentioned in the NECLC press release are participating in the week of activities in Washington were supporting the SDS in its venture.

It was further ascertained that the SDS has planned a rally Sunday night September 29, 1968, described as a "Be-In" at "P Street, Beach" in Washington, D.C. and that on Tuesday, October 1, 1968, the SDS will hold a rally at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. at which the five individuals who have been subpoenaed to appear before the HUAC will speak.

It was also learned that the Fifth Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee (FVPPC) plans to send at least one bus to Washington, D.C. for the Week of Protest.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH THE  
HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", issued December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Page 118, contains the following citation regarding the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC):

"Cited as a new organization' set up in the Summer of 1960 to lead and direct the Communist Party's 'Operation Abolition' campaign. Seven of the national leaders of this group have been identified as Communists.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1278 on the Truth About the Film 'Operation Abolition,' Part 1, October 3, 1961, page 5)"

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[REDACTED] The NCAUAC changed its name on March 5, 1963, to include the word "House" in its name, thereby becoming known as the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC). A national meeting of this organization was held in Chicago, Illinois, on April 27 and 28, 1963.

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Reference is made to New York memorandum dated  
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[REDACTED] Commodore Hotel,  
New York City, advised on September 27, 1968, that the  
National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam  
(NMC) had rented Parlor B in the Commodore Hotel for a  
scheduled press conference for fifty guests from 12:00 noon  
to 2:00 PM, on September 27, 1968. He stated however, that  
this was changed from a press conference to a closed meeting  
of the NMC.

Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation (FBI) at 12:15 PM, on September 27, 1968,  
observed Ramona Ripston, Co-Director of the National Emer-  
gency Civil Liberties Committee (NECLC), David Dellinger  
and Rennie Davis, together with five other individuals,  
holding a meeting in Parlor B in the Commodore Hotel. A-  
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in the meeting and was utilizing what appeared to be port-  
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At 1:00 PM, five of the individuals, including Ramona Ripston and Rennie Davis, departed from the meeting room and proceeded to the Commodore Bar leaving David Dellinger and two unidentified males in the meeting room where they appeared to be holding a discussion.

At 1:30 PM, David Dellinger and the two unidentified individuals left Parlor B and departed from the Commodore Hotel.

After the meeting, SAS of the FBI obtained a copy of a NECLC news release dated September 25, 1968, which had been abandoned in the meeting room.

This news release states in part as follows:

"The National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee today condemned the forthcoming House Un-American Activities Committee hearings as an 'attempt by the Johnson Administration to use every mechanism at its disposal to legitimize the action of Mayor Daley and the Chicago police. It is a continuation of the crack-down on dissent which began in Chicago under the aegis of Mayor Daley, but it is now being openly taken over by the Federal Government.'

"Both the HUAC hearings and the harassment by the F.B.I. of persons who were in Chicago - including delegates to the Convention shows that the government is not really interested in an investigation of what happened in Chicago, but in discrediting the peace movement and the people who went to Chicago to exercise their constitutional rights.'

"In all of its history the House Un-American Activities Committee has functioned only to penalize individual Americans for exercising their rights to free speech, press, assembly and association and to stifle such exercise on the part of others by creating fear of similar penalties.'

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"The National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee said that they, the National Lawyers Guild and the Law Center for Constitutional Rights were providing legal representation for the people who have been subpoenaed -- David Dellinger, Tom Hayden, Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin and Rennie Davis who received his subpoena today.

"Abbie Hoffman, at a press conference this afternoon announced plans for a week of demonstrations next week in Washington, D.C. against HUAC and he called upon the F.B.I. to stop harassing him.

"Last night, the Students for a Democratic Society also announced plans for a week of demonstrations against HUAC starting Sunday, September 29 with a 'be-in' at the 'P' Street Beach and a rally at George Washington University on Tuesday night, October 1 at which time the five persons who have been subpoenaed and their lawyers (Michael Kennedy and Henry Di Suvero of the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee; William Kunstler of the Law Center for Constitutional Rights; and Gerald Lefcourt of the National Lawyers Guild) will speak.

"NECLC also said that their office had been contacted by numerous people who were being harassed by the F.B.I. Agents telephone or visit people in the middle of the night. Many of the agents have been misleading people by representing that they are investigating complaints of police brutality when in fact, NECLC said, they are 'looking for evidence to bring prosecutions under the anti-riot provisions of the 1967 Civil Rights Act which provides that anyone who travels in interstate commerce or who uses the mails with intent to 'incite a riot or to organize, promote, encourage or carry on a riot shall be fined \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than five years.'"



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This news release reflects that Henry Di Suvero is the Director of the NECLC, that Ramona Ripston is the Co-Director of the NECLC, and that Michael Kennedy is the Staff Counsel of the NECLC.

- A characterization of the NECLC is attached hereto.

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The "New York Daily News", a New York City daily newspaper, January 10, 1966 issue, contained an article entitled "Word From the Left." The article identified Thomas Hayden, 23, a founder of the Leftist SDS, as one of three Americans who defied a State Department travel ban to spend ten days in North Vietnam, and who arrived at Kennedy Airport on the previous night.



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- "1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.'  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)
- "2. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the \* \* \* American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.'  
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The February 10, 1968 issue of the "Guardian" is self-described as an "independent radical newsweekly" and is published by Weekly Guardian Associates, Incorporated. The "Guardian" lists its address as 197 East 4th Street, New York, New York.

The February 12, 1968, issue of the "New York Times" carried an article entitled, "Radical Editors Say Their Job Is In Movement". This article stated that the first issue of the "Guardian" was dedicated by the paper's staff "To those heroic Liberation fighters who last week began a major offensive against American Imperialism in South Vietnam."

This article quoted one of the editors as saying that "Our job is to build a Radical Movement." To quote the Cuban revolutionaries, we are not only to write about it, but also to move along with it--we are movement people acting as journalists."

"The 'Guardian' takes a strong left position, but it is not identified with any organized group because it believes that an American left ideology is still in the making. One of its purposes is to break away from the cliches of the left ideology of the past."

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'FRANK WILKINSON was called as a witness when he appeared in Atlanta as a representative of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee to propagandize against the Committee on Un-American Activities and to protest its hearings. In 1956 WILKINSON was identified as a Communist Party member by a former FBI undercover agent within the Party. Summoned at that time to answer the allegation, his reply to all questions was, "I am answering no questions of this committee." This also became his stock reply to questions

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when he appeared during the Atlanta hearings. \* \* \* WILKINSON has since been convicted of contempt of Congress and sentenced to one year in jail.'

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A suitable photograph of the subject taken on 7/2/68, is available.

Individuals and organizations mentioned in this report were characterized where information was available suitable to characterize the individuals and where Bureau approved characterizations were available to characterize the organizations.

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The subject is the subject of an ANTI-RIOT LAWS case in which case Chicago is the Office of Origin.

The records of the Manhattan, New York Board of Elections were checked regarding the subject by IC [redacted] b7C on 7/16/68, with negative results.

The indices of the Boston Office contain no information identifiable with the subject's parents or SHEILA KARLIN, the subject's former wife.

The Boston Office did not furnish the identities of the agents receiving the information from Brandeis University, the Probate Court, Worcester, Massachusetts, and the Chicago Police Department.

The Chicago Office did not furnish the identity of the individual furnishing the information regarding the subject's arrest by the Chicago Police Department on 8/28/68, or the agent receiving the information.

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[REDACTED] BSS, NYCPD, furnished information concerning the arrest of the subject on 11/4/67, by SA [REDACTED] on 11/15/67.

[REDACTED] BSS, NYCPD, furnished information concerning the arrest of the subject on 4/30/68, to SA [REDACTED] on 5/21/68.

SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observed the activities at City Hall in New York City on 4/10/68.

SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observed the activities in St. Marks Place, New York City, on 5/24/68.

SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] received the information from [REDACTED] NYCPD, on 5/24/68.

SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] obtained the throwaway from Michael F. Goldstein, Incorporated, on 3/19/68.

SAS [REDACTED] received the information from [REDACTED] BSS, NYCPD, on 10/11/67.

SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observed the subject on 7/23/68.

The "At Random" television program aired on 5/11-12/68, was monitored by the Chicago Office.

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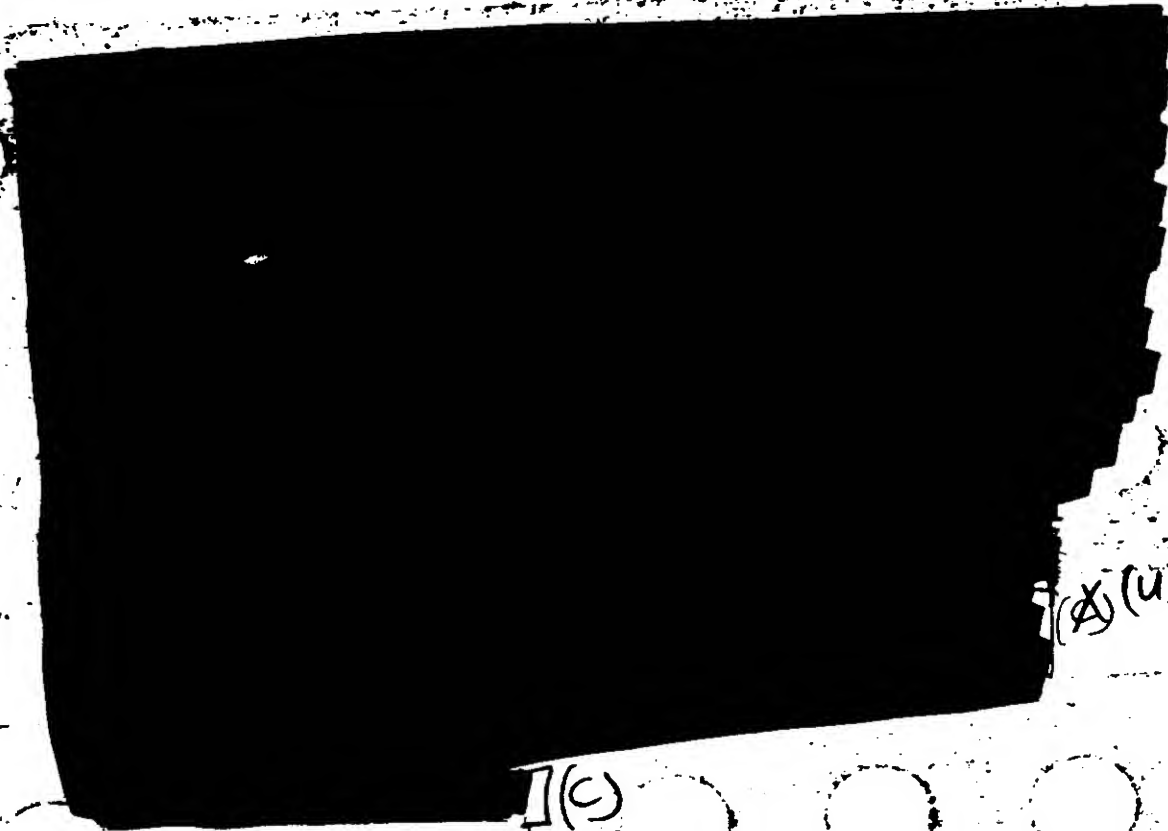
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Department of the Treasury  
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Re: ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
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6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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John Edgar Hoover  
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ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN

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## Character:

SECURITY MATTER - ANARCHIST

## Synopsis:

ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN was born 11/30/36, at Worcester, Massachusetts. He resides at 30 St. Marks Place, Apartment BW, NYC, and is presently unemployed. Background information regarding subject set out. Subject was one of the organizers of the Youth International Party (YIP), also known as Yippies. Subject's extensive activities with the YIP reported. Subject was interviewed on 9/6/68, at which time he stated that he was in Chicago, Illinois, during the Democratic Convention held in August, 1968, but that he never advocated any disorder in connection with the Chicago disorders during the Democratic Convention. Subject participated in "At Random" television program aired on CBS-TV Channel 2, Chicago, Illinois, 5/11-12/68, at which time he stated that he was in favor of the overthrow of the US Government by any means possible. Physical description of subject set out.

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This investigation is predicated upon information furnished [REDACTED] disclosing that the subject was one of the individuals who organized the Youth International Party (YIP), also known as Yippies. **b7D**

DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Birth Data

A review of records maintained by the Bureau of Vital Statistics, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, by Investigative Clerk (IC) [REDACTED] on June 6, 1968, Volume 115, page 285, for births in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts during the year 1936, revealed that male (No First Name) (NFN) HOFFMAN was born November 30, 1936, at Worcester. Father was listed as JOHN HOFFMAN, born Russia, age 29, occupation salesman. Mother was listed as FLORENCE S. [REDACTED] Maiden name SCHAMBERG, born Clinton, Massachusetts, age 30, occupation housewife. Residence of parents at time of birth was listed as 264 Chandler Street, Worcester. **b7C** 1927 SCHAMBERG 1966

On February 14, 1968, birth record was corrected by mother, FLORENCE, to read ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, born November 30, 1936, at Worcester. Residence at time of birth correction was given as 5 Geneva Street, Worcester. **SCHAMBERG**

B. Citizenship Status

The subject is a citizen of the United States by virtue of his birth in the State of Massachusetts.

C. Education

[REDACTED] Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, advised on September 12, 1968, that ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN attended Brandeis from September, 1955, to June, 1959, when he received his A. B. Degree. **b7C**

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He was admitted to Brandeis from Worcester Academy, Worcester, Massachusetts, and his home address was listed as 6 Ruth Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

[REDACTED] that the subject received an M. A. Degree from the University of California at Berkeley, California. **b7D**

D. Marital Status

The records of the Marriage Record Bureau, New York, New York, were reviewed on June 26, 1968, by IC [REDACTED] and revealed the following information under certificate number 12461: **b7C**

ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, residence 30 St. Marks Place, New York City, born November 30, 1936, Worcester, Massachusetts, occupation - writer, parents JOHN HOFFMAN, born Russia, and FLORENCE HOFFMAN, nee SCHANBERG, born Clinton, Massachusetts, and ANITA S. KUSHNER, residence 30 St. Marks Place, New York City, born March 16, 1942, Baltimore, Maryland, occupation - writer, parents ELIAS A. KUSHNER, born New York, and LEAH B. KUSHNER, nee ZANK, born New York, were married on July 2, 1967, by Rabbi NATHAN A. PERILMAN, 150 East 69th Street, New York City. Witnesses were M. L. ZANK and DAVID H. GOODWILLIE. The records revealed that this was ABBOTT HOFFMAN's second marriage and that his first marriage was to SHEILA KARKIN which ended in divorce in May, 1967, in Massachusetts, on the grounds of mental cruelty and that he was the defendant. **b7D**

The records also revealed that this was ANITA HOFFMAN's first marriage.

[REDACTED] that at that time, ANITA HOFFMAN was among those individuals comprising the Youth International Party (YIP) staff. **b7D**

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b7c [REDACTED] Probate Court, Worcester County Courthouse, 2 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, advised on September 12, 1968, that court docket number 34226 reflects that SHEILA HOFFMAN was granted a divorce decree NISI on November 4, 1966, on grounds of cruel and abusive treatment. Mrs. HOFFMAN's divorce suit was not contested and it was agreed by both parties that \$72.00 would be paid per month by the subject for support of herself and two children, ANDREW, born December 31, 1960, and ILIA, born November 19, 1962, of which \$22.50 will be paid to the children. According to the decree, subject has visitation rights.

The above decree reflects that the HOFFMANs were married on July 10, 1960, in Providence, Rhode Island.

E. Employments

[REDACTED] that at that time, ABBOTT HOFFMAN was the proprietor of Liberty House, 343 Bleecker Street, New York City, a corporation for the poor people of Mississippi that sells their handicraft. b7D

A representative of the Bureau of Special Services (BSS), New York City Police Department (NYCPD), advised on October 11, 1967, that ABBIE HOFFMAN was fired from a job with the New York City Youth Board a few weeks previously. HOFFMAN was hired by the City of New York at a salary of \$100 per week in a program instituted by Mayor JOHN V. LINDSAY wherein people who were on the "inside" of neighborhood activity could furnish information to the city of possible neighborhood trouble spots.

On November 15, 1967, a representative of the BSS, NYCPD, advised that ABBIE HOFFMAN listed his occupation as a poet when he was arrested by the NYCPD on November 14, 1967.

[REDACTED] that ABBY HOFFMAN is the owner of Liberty House, 343 Bleecker Street, New York City, which sells products made on Mississippi cooperatives. b7D

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[REDACTED] that ABBY HOFFMAN  
was at that time unemployed.

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During August, 1968, the Chicago, Illinois Police Department (CIPD) advised that the subject listed his occupation as revolutionary artist when he was arrested by the CIPD on August 28, 1968.

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The subject, when interviewed by Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on September 6, 1968, advised that when he first came to New York City, he opened a store to sell products of the Mississippi poor people and that he sold this store a year ago for \$1.00

The subject also advised that he is currently unemployed.

F. Residences

On June 13, 1968, personnel of the Office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all criminal conviction records within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, furnished to IC [REDACTED] a record on one ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, which record contained the following former residences of the subject:

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7 Bellevue,  
Worcester

1010 Massachusetts Avenue

Brandeis University,  
Waltham

6 Ruth Street,  
Worcester

On November 15, 1967, a representative of the BSS, NYCPD, advised that ABBIE HOFFMAN listed his residence as 30 St. Marks Place, New York City, when he was arrested by the NYCPD on November 14, 1967.

[REDACTED] that the subject resides with his wife, ANITA HOFFMAN, in Apartment BW at 30 St. Marks Place, New York City.

G. [REDACTED]

On June 20, 1968, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised IC [REDACTED] that their records contain no information regarding the subject.

The records of the [REDACTED] York, as furnished by [REDACTED] to IC [REDACTED] on July 16, 1968, disclosed that ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, 30 St. Marks Place, New York City, had a suit registered against him by the Humble Oil and Refining Company on May 21, 1968, in the amount of \$95.05. There was no additional information available concerning this suit.

H. Military Status

[REDACTED] that ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN registered for the draft on December 7, 1954, and

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received Selective Service Number (SSN) 19-67-36-168. HOFFMAN was not acceptable for military service due to bronchial asthma and defective vision.

I. Status of Health

[REDACTED] that in his opinion, ABBIE HOFFMAN uses some type of narcotic.

[REDACTED] that the subject suffers from bronchial asthma and defective vision.

During August, 1968, the CIPD advised that the CIPD arrest record for the subject contains the following information under heading "Narcotics Information":

"Non-med - Yes  
"Marijuana - Yes  
"Source of Supply - Unknown  
"Cures Attempted - None  
"Original Cause of Addiction - Has used before"

J. Arrests

On June 13, 1968, personnel of the Office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Supra, furnished to IC [REDACTED] a record on one ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, 7 Bellevue, Worcester, formerly of 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Brandeis University, Waltham, and 6 Ruth Street, Worcester, born November 30, 1936, at Worcester, Massachusetts, occupation student, father JOHN, and mother FLORENCE:

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8/4/53	Speeding	Worcester	File \$5.00 costs paid
6/3/54	No license	Worcester	Filed
6/3/54	No registration	Worcester	Filed
6/3/54	Speeding	Worcester	\$5.00 paid
7/8/55	Not slowing down	Worcester	\$5.00 paid
11/29/55	Failing to follow directions	Worcester	\$5.00 paid
12/13/56	Speeding	Waltham	\$10.00
3/5/58	One Way Street	Waltham	\$5.00
4/24/58	Stop Street	Waltham	Of
4/25/58	Speeding	Ayer	\$10.00 paid
6/1/59	Illegal left turn	Waltham	\$5.00
2/24/61	Fail obey traffic signal	Worcester	\$5.00 paid
12/12/61	Fail obey traffic signal	Worcester	\$5.00
1/6/64	Allowing vehicle to stand unattended w/o shutting off motor and locking	Worcester	\$5.00 paid
8/16/65	Speeding	Worcester	\$10.00 paid

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[REDACTED] that the subject was arrested in Washington, D.C. during a demonstration protesting the war in Vietnam, October 21-23, 1967, and gave his name as ABBY DIGGER.

On November 15, 1967, a representative of the BSS, NYCPD, advised that ABBIE HOFFMAN was identified by BSS as having been arrested by the NYCPD on November 14, 1967, in connection with a demonstration on that date in the vicinity of the New York Hilton Hotel, 53rd Street and 6th Avenue, New York City. This demonstration coincided with a speech given at the Hotel by Secretary of State DEAN RUSK before the 50th Anniversary Dinner of the Foreign Policy Association.

HOFFMAN was arrested at 7:30 P.M. at 48th Street and 6th Avenue, New York City, and charged with reckless endangerment. He was paroled on December 1, 1967.

On May 21, 1968, a representative of the BSS, NYCPD, advised that ABBIE HOFFMAN was identified by BSS as having been arrested by the NYCPD on April 30, 1968, in connection with the clearing of individuals occupying various buildings at Columbia University, New York City.

HOFFMAN was arrested at 3 A.M. at Avery Hall, Columbia University, and charged with criminal trespassing and resisting arrest.

During August, 1968, the CIPD advised that ABBIE HOFFMAN was arrested by the CIPD on August 28, 1968, in a restaurant located at Clark and Lincoln, Chicago, Illinois.

HOFFMAN was arrested at 1:05 A.M. after two women complained he was walking on the street with red letters written on his forehead spelling "F---" and after police ascertained that the writing did exist.

HOFFMAN was charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

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On July 18, 1968 and September 13, 1968, the records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) of the NYCPD, were caused to be checked by SA [REDACTED] and no criminal record was located on ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN under that name or any other names known to have been used by him. b7C

II. ACTIVITIES IN YIP

A. Positions Held

[REDACTED] that ABBY HOFFMAN, JERRY RUBIN and KEITH LAMPE organized the YIP as a political youth organization. b7D

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A characterization of the HDDC is contained in the appendix hereto.

[REDACTED] made available a throwaway on the letterhead of Liberation News Service, 3 Thomas Circle, N.W., Washington, D.C., captioned "An Announcement: The Youth International Party (Or: YIP!) Is Born", which

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contained a press release datelined January 16 (1968) at New York.

This press release stated that ABBE HOFFMAN was one of the initial founders of the YIP.

67D [REDACTED] made available an undated leaflet from YIP, 32 Union Square, New York City, which identifies ABBIE HOFFMAN, ED SANDERS, PAUL KRASSNER and JERRY RUBIN as the coordinators of the YIP.

The April, May and June, 1966 issue of "Rights", a self-described publication of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC), reflects that PAUL KRASSNER, Editor of "The Realist", was a new member of the ECLC National Council.

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the subject was no longer on the staff of the YIP.

[REDACTED] that at that time,  
there were no elected or official officers of the YIP but  
that ABBE HOFFMAN and JERRY RUBIN were the actual leaders  
of the organization.

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